

NORTHLAND LEARNING CENTER

Joint Powers Board Agenda

Regular Meeting

May 21, 2025

10:00 am

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Meeting ID: 840 9044 4303 Password: N6z0bq

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

1. Chris Lindholm will attend via Zoom from his office at the Cook County School
2. Beth Shermoen will attend via Zoom from his office at the International Falls School
3. Anne Oelke will attend via Zoom from her office at Ely School

C. Approve Agenda

D. CONSENT AGENDA

- D.1 Minutes from April 16, 2025, Regular meeting
- D.2 January - March 2025 Board bills/Treasurer's Report
- D.3 NLC ESY
 - D3.1 Michelle Hoffman Robinson, Focus Teacher
 - D3.2 Sophia Horvat, Focus Teacher
 - D3.3 Amanda Murfin, Focus Teacher
 - D3.4 Cassie Schick, Focus Teacher
 - D3.5 Haley Bloomquist, Focus Teacher
 - D3.6 Tyler Voight, Focus Teacher
 - D3.7 Jeff Zupetz, Focus Teacher
 - D3.8 Eric Larson, Focus Teacher
 - D3.9 Justine Shaw, Paraprofessional
 - D3.10 Gabrielle Everson, Paraprofessional
 - D3.11 Ashlea Johnston, Paraprofessional
 - D3.12 Madison Sundbom, Paraprofessional
 - D3.13 Katie Lockwood, Paraprofessional
 - D3.14 Casey Smith, Paraprofessional
- D.4 Summer Credit Recovery
 - D4.1 Kim Yuretich, Teacher, ISD 695 Chisholm
 - D4.2 Paul Brainard, Teacher, ISD 2909 Rock Ridge
 - D4.3 Melissa Fernandez, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County – South Ridge

- D4.4 Tricia Neubarth, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County – South Ridge
- D4.5 Dawn Merrill, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County – Northeast Range
- D4.6 Rachel Swanson, Teacher, ISD 712 Mt. Iron Buhl
- D4.7 Amy Hultman, Teacher, ISD 712 Mt. Iron Buhl
- D4.8 Mike McHugh, Teacher, ISD 166 Cook County
- D4.9 Kelly Kotowicz, Teacher, ISD 166 Cook County
- D.5 Summer Targeted Services
 - D5.1 Elizabeth Carroll, Teacher, ISD 695 Chisholm
 - D5.2 Megan Wognum, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.3 Karin Schmidt, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.4 Amanda Nelson, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.5 Andrea Thomas, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.6 Heather Durkin, Teacher, ISD 696 Ely
 - D5.7 Mindy Jacobsen, Teacher, ISD 166 Cook County
 - D5.8 Lacey Smith, Teacher, ISD 166 Cook County
 - D5.9 Jamie Herzmann, Teacher, ISD 2142 St. Louis County – Cherry
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- D.9 Resignation: Katie Thelen, Occupational Therapist, effective June 30, 2025
- D.10 Resignation: Stacie Baribeau, BTI Teacher, effective June 30, 2025
- D.11 Leave of Absence: Maggie West Johnson, School Psychologist, Parental Leave
Nicole Erickson, School Psychologist, Parental Leave
- D.12 Contract: Range Mental Health Services 2025-2026
- D.13 Contract: Interquest Detection Canines 2025-2026

E. ACTION ITEMS

- E.1 New Hire: Tricia McKay Fierst, School Counselor 2025-2026
- E.2 New Hire: Bailey Sickel, Speech Language Pathologist 2025-2026
- E.3 Hire: Mikayla Chromy, Deaf Hard of Hearing Teacher 2025-2026
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F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Ms. Fierst is currently employed with Rock Ridge Public Schools as a school counselor. She received her Master's in School Counseling at University of Phoenix: Reno, NV. Her salary will reflect MA + 30 Step 10 on the Teacher's Union Contract.
- E.2 New Hire: Bailey Sickel, Speech Language Pathologist 2025-2026
Ms. Sickel has obtained her Master of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Her salary will reflect MA step1 of the Teacher's Union Contract.
- E.3 Hire: Mikayla Chromy, Deaf Hard of Hearing Teacher 2025-2026
Currently working here at the Northland Learning Center. Contingent on approval of an OFP with PELSB 2025-2026
- E.4 Hire: Elizabeth Oberstar, ECSE 2025-2026
Currently working as an Early Childhood Special Education teacher at Mt. Iron Buhl. Contingent on approval of an OFP with PELSB 2025-2026

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